



When I was about 12 or 13, I was doing some "treasure hunting," also known as thrift store/garage sale shopping. I was looking for some old jazz records to add to my collection.

As I was rummaging through various bins and shelves, I found an awesome ham radio. It wasn't in the greatest condition and the dial knob was missing, but I had to have it. I thought it would be cool to display it among my record collection. So, I bought it and took it home.

Naturally, the first thing I did when I got home was plug it into the wall to see if it even worked. I was surprised to see that the radio worked fairly well. It picked up a few AM radio stations. Of course it could *only* pick up AM radio stations as FM was non-existent at the time in which it was made.

That same night, as I was going to sleep, the radio turned on by itself. It was still plugged into the wall, so I didn't get freaked out about it. Seeing as how it was so old there was bound to be something faulty responsible for its turning on. I got out of bed and walked over to the dresser and turned it off. I crawled back into bed and went to sleep.

At about 3 in the morning I was awakened by what sounded like a garbled conversation. As I came to, I saw that once again the ham radio had turned itself on. But this time, the sound seemed different. In be-

tween the spurts of silence and static I could hear breathing. I yanked the cord out of the wall and went back to bed. I would check it out in the morning to try and figure out if the power switch was faulty.

The next day, sometime in the early evening, I plugged the radio into the wall and began tinkering with it. Then, the most terrifying thing happened. The static faded completely. The silence came back on as did the sound of breathing. Suddenly, the creepy voice of a man came on and said, "Hello, little girl."

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I froze in fear. The voice came back on and said asked if I was "ready." Hell no, I wasn't ready. Ready for what? I didn't want to know. I pulled the plug out of the wall and threw that possessed radio into one of the dumpsters in my apartment complex.

Thankfully, that was my first and only encounter with the paranormal,

but even today it sends chills down my spine just thinking about
Happy Halloween Boooooo
Author Unknown

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SBARA Elections are Coming!!!

It's that time of the year again!! Now is your opportunity to help build the direction of SBARA for 2010 and beyond.

If you have never run for a position, please consider doing so. You Will receive help from the existing officers and board members.

Positions to be elected will be the Four (4) club officer positions. They include; President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Elections will take place in November at our normal monthly meeting.

Please consider becoming a leader in your Club!!!

<http://www.shakeout.org/>

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73 Magazine

73 Magazine

As you may have heard, Wayne Green, W2NSD passed away recently. He was the owner and creator of "73" Magazine". Some years ago he put his entire collection of "73" magazines in the public domain. They are available for your reading pleasure at the Archive listed below. You can get the magazines in Kindle, PDF format, EPUB, read it online, and several other formats. Here is your chance to review old issues and try out some of the many cool circuits that the magazine was famous for. Or perhaps, you can read some of Wayne's editorials about many topics.

The Archive may be reviewed at this Link listed below. Enjoy!

<http://archive.org/search.php?query=73%20magazine>

New members may not realize that there are 'perks' for participating on the SBARA board. One way SBARA thanks the leadership team is by having a Board of Director appreciation dinner at a local restaurant. The board gathers and enjoys a nice meal paid for by SBARA thanking each member for their help running the club for the year. Consider joining the board as a Member at Large. There are no specific duties for this board position and you will learn what it means to be on the board without having any specific responsibilities. Your Ideas and suggestions are all you will be asked to provide. Now that sounds easy doesn't it? Don't forget you will be invited to the appreciation dinner too!

SBARA Board of Directors Elections November 8, 2013

The nominations for elected board positions are now open for the 2014 leadership team. The elected positions are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition there are a number of appointed positions such as meeting program facilitator, new member facilitator, meeting refreshments coordinator and a number of appointed Members at Large positions for people who want to be on the board to become familiar on how the club operates. Amateur Radio is a great hobby and SBARA is a good way to further your enjoyment in the hobby. Consider helping out in one of the many ways mentioned above.

SBARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Many areas of the globe are prone to earthquakes (see links below) You could be anywhere when an earthquake strikes: at home, at work, at school or even on vacation. Are you prepared to survive and to recover quickly? Great ShakeOut earthquake drills are an opportunity to practice how to be safer during earthquakes: "Drop, Cover and Hold On." ShakeOut also has been organized to encourage you, your community, your school, or your organization to update emergency plans and supplies, and to secure your space in order to prevent damage and injuries.

SBARA Groundplane History

FROM THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE GROUNDPLANE – 36 YEARS AGO.

This is an "original article that appeared in the very first article of the SBARA Groundplane. This article was published in Volume 1 Number 1.

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SBARA ~ Activities

- * Feb. 16 - Antennas - KLM Presentation
- * Mar. 16 - Contests with Rusty Epps W60AT as speaker. Find out the tricks to become an effective "contest" operator
- * Apr. 20 - Exploring the use of test gear in the Ham Shack with Demonstrations. Emery Boring W6IIF an outstanding expert on this subject will be the featured speaker (speaker added by the SBARA Editor)
- * May 18 - Election of Officers. Program to be announced
- * June 25,26 ARRL Field Day
- * June ?? Field trip to Stanford for Moon Bounce demonstration (EME)
- To be announced ••••• Field trip to EIMAC to see how tubes are manufactured
- To be announced ••••• Field trip to RCA Facilities on PT. REYES.

SBARA HF Net

Every Saturday at 7:30 PM on 28.700 MHZ, SBARA has their HF net. Bill Crook WA6FNV will be acting as our Net Coordinator. Let us hear you on the air.
More info will follow soon in regards to a VHF – UHF NET & also a NOVICE NET.

MORE CLUB INFO

Are you a novice or Beginner' with-a' question on operating or getting your station on the air? Remember to bring your question written on a piece of paper and submit to the President before the meeting begins. We will be spending 15 to 20 minutes each meeting to answer your questions.

EMERGENCY CALLING FREQUENCIES FOR THE BAY AREA

At the recent ARRL Pacific Director's meeting, Jim Knockenhauer, K6ITL, Regional Emergency Coordinator, revealed the frequencies that will be used as "calling frequencies" in the case of an emergency or disaster in the SF Bay Area. They are:

- 3.63 MHZ
- 3.93 MHZ••• This will be the No. 1 freq.
- 7.13 MHZ
- 28.63MHZ
- 146.52 MHZ (Simplex)

LATE CLUB INFO ••••• STOP THE PRESS •••••

Our Secretary/Treasurer announced that our club membership Is now up to 63 members, GOOD GOING! Remember our dues are \$6.00 and that we can we count on you in Feb. to come to the meeting and learn about Antennas.

Parachute Mobile Skydiving QSO Jumps!!



QST QST QST...

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Mission 17

Unfortunately, we had to scrub our last mission due to high winds. But we're back and this time it will be in conjunction with Pacificon, ARRL's Pacific Division Convention.

Our skydivers will jump from 13,500 feet and once they've deployed their parachutes they will make contacts (QSOs) with as many hams as possible. The Drop Zone (DZ) will be at the Byron Airport, 14 miles Northwest of Tracy, California.

DATE: October 12, 2013

Jump Times: The first jump is scheduled to occur around 12:00 noon and approximately every 90 minutes thereafter. We do not have control over the plane or weather so times may change. We hope to get in three jumps for the day.

Frequency: QSOs with the jumpers will be on 146.430 MHz simplex with an alternate of 147.570 MHz simplex.

APRS: Each jumper will be fitted with APRS that will transmit location, altitude and biotelemetry. Search for AF6IM for "Jumper 1" and KF6WRW for "Jumper 2". No SSID required.

Live Streaming Video: Live streaming video from the DZ and from the air will be available to watch. Go to ustream.tv/channel/mfwright

Updates: QSTs and updates will be made on:

W6CX Repeater on Mount Diablo, 147.060+ 100, MDARC

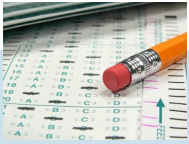
N6NFI Repeater, Stanford, 145.230- 100

Information Table/GOTA Station: If you are attending Pacificon, come by our information table to see what we've been up to. Watch the action unfold as we will have monitors providing live video from the DZ. Don't have a radio to make a contact? No problem. We will have a GOTA station outside so you can make that contact.

As always, for the most current mission updates and information about parachute mobile, go to parachutemobile.org.

There will be a one-of-a-kind QSL card for all those that make a contact.

NOTE: This event is subject to weather conditions and there is always the possibility will be delayed or cancelled.



Exam sessions are conducted by SBARA VE volunteers working under the direction of the FCC. There is a charge for taking the exam. The exam fee is set by the Volunteer Exam Coordinator. SBARA's Fee is \$15.00

SBARA VE Testing Schedule

Exams will be administered at Hurricane Electric, 48233 Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont. Contact: Greg Miller, wy6p at arrl dot net for info. \$15 fee, bring a photo ID. Walk-ins allowed.



Tri-City VE Session Dates 2013

Sat Sep 14, 2013, 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Tue Oct 8, 2013, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Sat Nov 9, 2013, 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Tue Dec 10, 2013, 6:30 pm – 9:00pm

South Bay Amateur Radio Club conducts FCC authorized tests for Technician, General, and Extra class licenses every month on the 2nd Saturday at Hurricane Electric 48233 Warm Springs Boulevard Fremont, CA. 9453. Hurricane Electric Doors open at 8:45 AM. We begin testing about 9:00 AM. Enter through the main building entrance and then go to up the stairs to the second floor or use the elevator. Then go to the right and look for the Amateur Radio testing exam signs. We do ask that you park your car in the main parking lot not directly in front of the Main doors to Hurricane Electric.

Our next test session will be held Saturday September 14, 2013 (9:00 AM to 11:00 AM).

Very important: Please remember to bring the following items with you to any exam session: The appropriate fee - cash only (currently \$15) for the test. Please bring your picture ID, the original and a copy of your Amateur Radio license (if licensed), and calculator if you would like to use one (all memories must be cleared). It is very important to have your Social Security Number, or if you have been issued an FRN (Federal Registration Number) from the FCC, please use that in place of your SSN because without either your SSN or FRN, the FCC will not process your application. If you are upgrading please bring all CSCE's and a copy showing proof of recent passed exam if not already processed by the FCC.

If you have any Questions regarding our test session or Questions about upgrading, please contact me - via email at: wy6p at arrl dot net

Again - The test fee is still \$15.00 (cash only -- no credit cards or checks).
73's AL – Greg WY6P

SBARA Weekly Nets—Voice and CW Action!!

The SBARA Net Meets....

Every Monday night at 7:30 pm on the WA6PWW (currently N6IMS) repeater, 147.015 MHz, positive offset, PL (if enabled) 103.5 Hz.

projects you're working on and so on. It's a chat net.

We need net control operators. If you'd like to be net control, let us know during the next net.

Bernhard AE6YN

Topics are club related things, —... —

The Slow CW Net Meets....

Every Thursday and Sunday night at 7:30 pm, Thursday on 144.230 MHz
Sunday on 7.057MHz +/- 3 kHz

not just an FM) radio in order to follow.

The net has now its own e-mail address. Please contact us here:

groups.com>

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Bernhard AE6YN

You need an “allmode” (i.e.

“SF Bay CW Enthusiasts” <sf-bay-cw-enthusiasts at google-

Repeater Information

WA6PWW— 147.015 + 600Khz, PL 103.5

PL107.2

K6AIR—146.940—600Khz, PL 123.0

ARES Net Meeting—Tuesday Evenings @ 7:30pm on 147.015+600Khz, PL 103.5

WA6PWW—223.900— 500Khz, PL 107.2

K6AIR—441.525 +5Mhz, PL 123.0

WA6PWW—442.600 +5Mhz,

Helpful Amateur Radio Web Page Links

www.sbara.org

www.arrl.org

www.qrz.com

www.eham.net

www.twit.tv/hn

Upcoming SBARA Events

SBARA - Groundplane

The Groundplane is published monthly by the South Bay Amateur Radio Association. Articles and letters are always welcome. The normal deadline for material is the 20th day of each month for the next month's news-letter. Articles can be sent by email to hamradio at Comcast dot net or via U.S. Mail. Contact the Editor for details and submission guidelines.



October 11th, 2013 at 7:30pm
Hurricane Electric, Fremont

Amateur License Exams

ARRL VEC– September 14th @ 9:30 am
at Hurricane Electric – 48233 Warm
Springs Blvd. Fremont.

Contact: Greg Miller, wy6p at arrl dot net
for info. \$15 fee.

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